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Aug 22, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6106871

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6106871 A

TITLE: Method for increasing milk production in lactating dairy cattle

DATE-ISSUED: August 22, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Miller; Bryan Gene	Pine Bush	NY	N/A	N/A

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY	TYPE CODE
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APPL-NO: 9/ 363182

DATE FILED: July 29, 1999

PARENT-CASE:

Benefit of the Aug. 6, 1998 filing date of the provisional application Ser. No. 60/095,441 by the same inventor and entitled "Method For Increasing Milk Production In Lactating Dairy Cattle" is hereby claimed.

INT-CL: [7] A23K 1/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 426/2; 426/98, 426/648, 426/807

US-CL-CURRENT: 426/2; 426/648, 426/807, 426/98

FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 426/2, 426/648, 426/98, 426/807

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ABSTRACT:

A method increasing milk production in lactating dairy cattle by administering to prepartum cattle a rumen-protected choline compound.

12 Claims, 0 Drawing figures

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Sep 29, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5814603

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5814603 A

TITLE: Compounds with PTH activity

DATE-ISSUED: September 29, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Oldenburg; Kevin R.	Fremont	CA	N/A	N/A
Selick; Harold E.	Belmont	CA	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: 514/12; 530/399, 530/402

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File: USPT

Sep 22, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5811264

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5811264 A

TITLE: Proteins with mutations to decrease N-terminal methylation

DATE-ISSUED: September 22, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Aitken; Jacqueline F.	Louisville	CO	N/A	N/A
Apostol; Izydor Z.	Boulder	CO	N/A	N/A
Lippincott; Julie A.	Boulder	CO	N/A	N/A
Levine; Joseph D.	Louisville	CO	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: 435/69.1; 514/12, 530/350, 530/385

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☐ 15. Document ID: US 5741518 A

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File: USPT

Apr 21, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5741518
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5741518 A

TITLE: Composition composed of an aqueous dispersion of stabilized vesicles of nonionic amphiphilic lipids

DATE-ISSUED: April 21, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Ribier; Alain	Paris	N/A	N/A	FRX
Simonnet; Jean-Thierry	Paris	N/A	N/A	FRX
Handjani; Rose-Marie	Paris	N/A	N/A	FRX
Terren; Nadia	Chevilly-Larue	N/A	N/A	FRX

US-CL-CURRENT: 424/450; 424/401, 428/402.2

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File: USPT

Apr 21, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5741506
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5741506 A

TITLE: Use of active ingredients protected against degradation in the rumen as hepatoprotectors

DATE-ISSUED: April 21, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Bauchart; Dominique	Veyre-Monton	N/A	N/A	FRX
Chilliard; Yves	Ceyrat	N/A	N/A	FRX
Durand; Denys	Beaumont	N/A	N/A	FRX
Gruffat; Dominique	Clermont-Ferrand	N/A	N/A	FRX
Ollier; Alain	Saint Genes Champanelle	N/A	N/A	FRX
Robert; Jean-Claude	Neris les Bains	N/A	N/A	FRX
Williams; Peter	Le Chesnay	N/A	N/A	FRX

US-CL-CURRENT: 424/439; 424/438, 426/807

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☐ 11. Document ID: US 5866158 A

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File: USPT

Feb 2, 1999

US-PAT-NO: 5866158

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5866158 A

TITLE: Composition composed of an aqueous dispersion of stabilized vesicles of nonionic amphiphilic lipids

DATE-ISSUED: February 2, 1999

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Ribier; Alain	Paris	N/A	N/A	FRX
Simonnet; Jean-Thierry	Paris	N/A	N/A	FRX
Handjani; Rose-Marie	Paris	N/A	N/A	FRX
Terren; Nadia	Chevilly-Larue	N/A	N/A	FRX

US-CL-CURRENT: [424/450](#); [424/401](#), [428/402.2](#)

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☐ 12. Document ID: US 5824355 A

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File: USPT

Oct 20, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5824355

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5824355 A

TITLE: Method for manufacturing protein protected ruminant feed

DATE-ISSUED: October 20, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Heitritter; Glen V.	Omaha	NE	N/A	N/A
Yeates; James B.	Fort Calhoun	NE	N/A	N/A
Huffman; Phillip L.	Omaha	NE	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: [426/459](#); [426/465](#), [426/509](#), [426/630](#), [426/807](#)

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File: USPT

Feb 6, 2001

US-PAT-NO: 6183786

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6183786 B1

TITLE: Process for optimizing milk production

DATE-ISSUED: February 6, 2001

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Knight; Christopher D.	St. Louis	MO	N/A	N/A
Koenig; Karen M.	Lethbridge	N/A	N/A	CAX
Rode; Lyle M.	Lethbridge	N/A	N/A	CAX
Vandenberg; Michael J.	St. Louis	MO	N/A	N/A
Vazquez-Anon; Mercedes	Chesterfield	MO	N/A	N/A

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File: USPT

Oct 31, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6140071

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6140071 A

TITLE: Proteins with mutations to decrease N-terminal methylation

DATE-ISSUED: October 31, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Aitken; Jacqueline F.	Louisville	CO	N/A	N/A
Apostol; Izydor Z.	Boulder	CO	N/A	N/A
Lippincott; Julie A.	Boulder	CO	N/A	N/A
Levine; Joseph D.	Louisville	CO	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: [435/69.1](#); [435/252.3](#), [435/320.1](#), [435/440](#), [435/91.2](#), [435/91.5](#),
[530/350](#), [530/385](#)

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US-PAT-NO: 5728675
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5728675 A

TITLE: Antemortem nutrient supplement for livestock

DATE-ISSUED: March 17, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Schaefer; Allan L.	Lacombe	N/A	N/A	CAX
Jones; Stephen D. Morgan	Lacombe	N/A	N/A	CAX
Stanley; Richard W.	Red Deer	N/A	N/A	CAX
Turnbull; Ian K. S.	Lacombe	N/A	N/A	CAX
Johanns; John R.	Grand Island	NE	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: 514/2; 514/23, 514/458, 514/474, 514/561

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☐ 20. Document ID: US 5720970 A

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File: USPT

Feb 24, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5720970
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5720970 A

TITLE: Method for supplementing amino acid levels in ruminant animals

DATE-ISSUED: February 24, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Rode; Lyle M.	Lethbridge	N/A	N/A	CAX
Julien; William E.	Omaha	NE	N/A	N/A
Sato; Hiroyuki	Kawasaki	N/A	N/A	JPX
Fujieda; Takeshi	Kawasaki	N/A	N/A	JPX
Suzuki; Hiroyuki	Urbana	IL	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: 424/438; 426/807

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US-PAT-NO: 5739281
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5739281 A

TITLE: Interactive method of at least three cycles for the refolding of proteins

DATE-ISSUED: April 14, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Th.o slashed.gersen; Hans Christian	Mundelstrup	N/A	N/A	DKX
Holtet; Thor Lns	Aarhus V	N/A	N/A	DKX
Etzerodt; Michael	Hinnerup	N/A	N/A	DKX

US-CL-CURRENT: 530/350; 435/183, 530/384, 530/387.3, 530/402, 530/412, 530/427

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☐ 18. Document ID: US 5738866 A

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File: USPT

Apr 14, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5738866
DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5738866 A

TITLE: Method for achieving the same level of milk and milk component yield in ruminants fed a low crude protein diet

DATE-ISSUED: April 14, 1998

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Lanter; Kent J.	Waterloo	IL	N/A	N/A
Weakley; David C.	Eureka	MO	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: 424/442

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☐ 19. Document ID: US 5728675 A

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File: USPT

Mar 17, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5871773

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5871773 A

TITLE: Method for supplementing amino acid levels in ruminant animals

DATE-ISSUED: February 16, 1999

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Rode; Lyle M.	Lethbridge	N/A	N/A	CAX
Julien; William E.	Omaha	NE	N/A	N/A
Sato; Hiroyuki	Kawasaki	N/A	N/A	JPX
Fujieda; Takeshi	Kawasaki	N/A	N/A	JPX
Suzuki; Hiroyuki	Urbana	IL	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: 424/438; 426/807

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☐ 8. Document ID: US 5888506 A

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File: USPT

Mar 30, 1999

US-PAT-NO: 5888506

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5888506 A

TITLE: Methioninase formulations

DATE-ISSUED: March 30, 1999

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Tan; Yuying	San Diego	CA	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: 424/94.5; 424/94.2, 435/188, 435/232

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☐ 9. Document ID: US 5885610 A

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Mar 23, 1999

US-PAT-NO: 5885610

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5885610 A

TITLE: By-pass rumen product

DATE-ISSUED: March 23, 1999

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Anderson; Michael D.	Eden Prairie	MN	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: 424/438; 424/442, 424/489, 426/807, 514/562, 514/564

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWIC	Draw Desc	Image
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☐ 10. Document ID: US 5871773 A

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Feb 16, 1999

US-PAT-NO: 6017563

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6017563 A

TITLE: Process for optimizing milk production

DATE-ISSUED: January 25, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Knight; Christopher D.	St. Louis	MO	N/A	N/A
Koenig; Karen M.	Lethbridge	N/A	N/A	CAX
Rode; Lyle M.	Lethbridge	N/A	N/A	CAX
Vandenberg; Michael J.	St. Louis	MO	N/A	N/A
Vazquez-Anon; Mercedes	Chesterfield	MO	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: 426/2; 424/438, 426/231, 426/635, 426/807

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWMC	Draw Desc	Image
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☐ 6. Document ID: US 5919499 A

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File: USPT

Jul 6, 1999

US-PAT-NO: 5919499

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5919499 A

TITLE: Aiding fermentation digestion and metabolism in mammals

DATE-ISSUED: July 6, 1999

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Lawley; C. Murrell	Modesto	CA	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: 426/2; 424/442, 426/72

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWMC	Draw Desc	Image
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☐ 7. Document ID: US 5891704 A

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File: USPT

Apr 6, 1999

US-PAT-NO: 5891704

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5891704 A

TITLE: Method to produce high levels of methioninase

DATE-ISSUED: April 6, 1999

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Yuying; Tan	San Diego	CA	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: 435/232; 435/252.3, 435/252.33, 435/320.1, 435/4, 435/7.2, 435/7.32

☐ 3. Document ID: US 6106871 A

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Aug 22, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6106871

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6106871 A

TITLE: Method for increasing milk production in lactating dairy cattle

DATE-ISSUED: August 22, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Miller; Bryan Gene	Pine Bush	NY	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: 426/2; 426/648, 426/807, 426/98

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☐ 4. Document ID: US 6051250 A

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Apr 18, 2000

US-PAT-NO: 6051250

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6051250 A

TITLE: Process for the stabilization of vesicles of amphiphilic lipid(s) and composition for topical application containing the said stabilized vesicles

DATE-ISSUED: April 18, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Ribier; Alain	Paris	N/A	N/A	FRX
Simonnet; Jean-Thierry	Paris	N/A	N/A	FRX

US-CL-CURRENT: 424/450; 264/4.1, 264/4.3, 428/402.2, 514/844

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Feb 6, 2001

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6183786 B1

TITLE: Process for optimizing milk production

DATE-ISSUED: February 6, 2001

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTRY
Knight; Christopher D.	St. Louis	MO	N/A	N/A
Koenig; Karen M.	Lethbridge	N/A	N/A	CAX
Rode; Lyle M.	Lethbridge	N/A	N/A	CAX
Vandenberg; Michael J.	St. Louis	MO	N/A	N/A
Vazquez-Anon; Mercedes	Chesterfield	MO	N/A	N/A

US-CL-CURRENT: 426/2; 426/231, 426/438, 426/623, 426/630, 426/636, 426/807

CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. A process for formulating a ruminant food ration, the process comprising: determining the methionine needs of the ruminant, identifying a plurality of natural or synthetic feed ingredients and the nutrient composition of each of said ingredients wherein one of said ingredients is a hydroxy analog of methionine selected from the group consisting of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, ammonium salts of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, alkaline earth salts of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, alkali earth salts of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, zinc salts of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, alkane esters of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, alkane amides of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, and oligimers of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, and formulating a ration from the identified feed ingredients to meet the determined methionine needs of the ruminant which comprises one or more grains, the hydroxy analog of methionine, and optionally a bypass fat wherein (i) the hydroxy analog of methionine is added separately from any bypass fat which is included in the ration, and (ii) the ration is formulated on the basis that at least 20% of the hydroxy analog of methionine is assumed to be available for absorption by the ruminant.
2. The process of claim 1 wherein the hydroxy analog of methionine is a salt of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid selected from the group consisting of ammonium, magnesium, calcium, lithium, sodium, potassium, and zinc.
3. The process of claim 1 wherein the hydroxy analog of methionine is an ester of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, 2-propyl, butyl, and 3-methylbutyl.
4. The process of claim 1 wherein the hydroxy analog of methionine is an amide of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid selected from the group consisting of methylamide, dimethylamide, ethylmethylamide, butylamide, dibutylamide, and butylmethylamide.
5. The process of claim 1 wherein the ration is formulated on the basis that at least 40% of the hydroxy analog of methionine is assumed to be available for absorption by the ruminant.

6. The process of claim 1 wherein the ration does not comprise a bypass fat.

7. A process for formulating a ruminant food ration, the process comprising: determining the methionine needs of the ruminant, identifying a plurality of natural or synthetic feed ingredients and the nutrient composition of each of said ingredients wherein one of said ingredients is a hydroxy analog of methionine selected from the group consisting of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, ammonium salts of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, alkaline earth salts of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, alkali earth salts of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, zinc salts of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, alkane esters of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, alkane amides of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, and oligimers of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, and formulating a ration from the identified feed ingredients to meet the determined methionine needs of the ruminant which comprises mixing one or more grains with the hydroxy analog of methionine, wherein (i) the ration is formulated on the basis that at least 20% of the hydroxy analog of methionine is assumed to be available for absorption by the ruminant, and (ii) the ration does not comprise a bypass fat.

8. The process of claim 7 wherein the ration is formulated on the basis that at least 40% of the hydroxy analog of methionine is assumed to be available for absorption by the ruminant.

9. A process for formulating a ruminant food ration, the process comprising: determining the methionine needs of the ruminant using a nutritional model wherein the nutritional model is a computer program, identifying a plurality of natural or synthetic feed ingredients and the nutrient composition of each of said ingredients wherein one of said ingredients is a hydroxy analog of methionine selected from the group consisting of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, ammonium salts of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, alkaline earth salts of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, alkali earth salts of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, zinc salts of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, alkane esters of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, alkane amides of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, and oligimers of 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, and

using the nutritional model to formulate a ration from the identified feed ingredients to meet the determined methionine needs of the ruminant which comprises mixing one or more grains with the hydroxy analog of methionine, wherein (i) the ration is formulated on the basis that at least 20% of the hydroxy analog of methionine is assumed to be available for absorption by the ruminant, and (ii) the ration does not comprise a bypass fat.

10. The process of claim 9 wherein the ration is formulated on the basis that at least 40% of the hydroxy analog of methionine is assumed to be available for absorption by the ruminant.

11. The process of claim 9 wherein the ration is formulated on the basis that between about 40% and about 55% of the hydroxy analog of methionine is assumed to be available for absorption by the ruminant.

12. A ruminant feed ration for a ruminant, the ration comprising:

a plurality of natural or synthetic feed ingredients which comprises one or more grains;

a hydroxy analog of methionine selected from the group consisting of

2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid, salts, amides and esters thereof;

and, optionally a bypass fat;

wherein the amount of hydroxy analog of methionine is included within the ruminant feed ration at a level determined to be necessary to meet the methionine requirements of the ruminant, said methionine requirements being determined from the nutritional content of the ingredients other than the hydroxy analog of methionine and on the basis that at least 20% of the hydroxy analog of methionine is assumed to be available for absorption by the ruminant.

13. The ruminant feed ration of claim 12 wherein the hydroxy analog of methionine is 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid.

14. The ruminant feed ration of claim 12 wherein at least 40% of the hydroxy analog of methionine is assumed to be available for absorption by the ruminant.

15. The ruminant feed ration of claim 12 wherein the hydroxy analog of methionine is 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid and that at least 40% of the hydroxy analog of methionine is assumed to be available for absorption by the ruminant.

16. The ruminant feed ration of claim 12 wherein the hydroxy analog of methionine

is 2-hydroxy-4-(methylthio)butanoic acid and that about 40% to about 55% of the hydroxy analog of methionine is assumed to be available for absorption by the ruminant.

17. The ruminant feed ration in any of claims 12-16 wherein the ruminant feed ration does not comprise a bypass fat.

18. The ruminant feed ration of claim 12 wherein the amount of the hydroxy analog of methionine is determined by a nutritional model wherein the nutritional model is a computer program.

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